

REMARKS

The amendment of claims 1, 5 and 7 to recite that the feed additive "consists essentially" of the identified components is supported, for example by the best mode of practicing the invention as described in pages 10-13 of the specification and on page 9, lines 18-24. This disclosure indicates that while an aqueous solution or suspension may be employed in the preparation of the additive providing for the presence of water and a hydrophilic emulsifier, the use of such an aqueous composition in preparing the additive is not necessary. Thus, the presence of water and a hydrophilic emulsifier are optional, is now recited in claims 1, 5, and 7 and their dependent claims.

The insertion into claims 5 and 7 that the diameter of each oil microglobule has a diameter of no more than 50 μm is supported on page 4, five lines from the bottom, in the specification. The other amendments of the claims are for the purpose of improving their form, and are self-explanatory.

Reconsideration fo the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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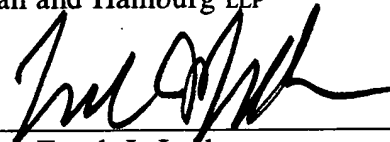
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